AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): An apparatus, comprising:

a first member;

a second member releasably attached to the first member; and

a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member, wherein:

the first and second members are moveable in an axial direction to release from one another;

the control line shear mechanism comprises a first shear member attached to the first member and a second shear member attached to the second member; and

the first and second shear members are adapted to cooperatively shear a control line as the first and second members separate.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An apparatus, comprising:

a first member;

a second member releasably attached to the first member; and

a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member,

wherein the control line shear mechanism is integral to the first and second member.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): An apparatus, comprising:

a first member;

a second member releasably attached to the first member; and

a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member,

wherein the control line shear mechanism comprises a solenoid driven cutter.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (original): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first and second members are releasably attached to each other by a release mechanism.

Claim 9 (original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the release mechanism comprises a shear element.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the control line shear mechanism comprises a control line passageway within the first and second members.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the control line passageway comprises a recess on the external surface of the first and second members.

Claim 12 (previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a first tubular member;

a second tubular member releasably attached to the first tubular member;

the first and second tubular members are moveable in an axial direction to release from one another;

a control line shear mechanism, disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member, comprising a first and second control line shear member;

the first control line shear member being attached to the first tubular member;

the second control line shear member being attached to the second tubular member; and

the first and second control line shear members are adapted to cooperatively shear a control line as the first and second tubular members separate.

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Claim 13 (original): A shear sub, comprising:

a first member;

a second member releasably attached to the first member;

the first and second members defining a control line passageway; and

the control line passageway comprising a pair of shearing blades adapted to shear a control line during release.

Claim 14 (original): The shear sub of claim 13, wherein the control line passageway is positioned at an angle to the direction of release.

Claim 15 (original): The shear sub of claim 14, wherein the control line passageway comprises a recess on the external surface of the first and second members.

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Claim 16 (original): The shear sub of claim 14, wherein the control line passageway comprises a passageway enclosed within the first and second members.

Claims 17-20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method, comprising:

~~separating~~ releasing a first member from a second member; and

before or during the ~~separating~~ releasing step, cutting a control line proximal to the point of separation of the first and second members.

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Claim 22 (original): The method of claim 21, wherein the first and second members comprise a safety joint.

Claim 23 (original): The method of claim 22, wherein the safety joint is used to connect two segments of a tubular string within a wellbore.

Claim 24 (original): The method of claim 23, wherein the safety joint comprises a control line cutting mechanism that cuts the control line as the first and second members are separated.

Claim 25 (original): The method of claim 21, wherein the separation of the first member from the second member is independent from the cutting of the control line.

Claim 26 (original): The method of claim 25, wherein the cutting of the control line is achieved using a solenoid driven cutter.

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Claims 27 and 28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (currently amended): A method of completing a well comprising:

providing a tubular string comprising a safety sub, the safety sub including a point of separation and comprising a control line cutting mechanism;

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attaching a control line to the tubular string, the control line being disposed through the control line cutting mechanism;

inserting the tubular string and control line into the well;

separating the tubular string at the safety sub; and

cutting the control line with the control line cutting mechanism at the point of separation.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The method of claim 29, further comprising:

removing the upper portion of the separated tubular string and the upper portion of the ~~sheared~~ cut control line from the well.